

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 3 to page 2, line 25, replace the paragraphs with the following amended paragraphs.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to a method of emptying a container for the storage of fish, such shellfish, ~~said fish being stored which are~~ in the container together with water, ~~said the~~ emptying taking place through a pipe provided in the bottom of the container, a medium being supplied into the container during emptying.

THE PRIOR ART

Containers of this type, which may be made of plastics, are used for the ripening (maturing) of, e.g. shrimp[s]. Typically, they have a size of 660 or 1000 litres and are emptied after ~~completed ripening is completed~~ simply by tilting ~~them~~.

For operational reasons, it is desirable to be able to ~~ripe ripening shrimps~~ shrimp in larger containers, e.g., containers having a capacity of 12000 litres. However, containers of this size are not easy to handle in connection with emptying where the container is to be tilted. It would therefore be an advantage if the container could be emptied through a pipe provided in the container. However, it has been found that, with ~~so~~ such large containers for the storage of ~~shrimps~~ shrimp in water,

emptying through the pipe will rapidly result in clogging, as the liquid will leave the container faster than the ~~shrimps~~ shrimp.

~~A container of the type defined in the introductory portion of claim 1~~
having a pipe at its bottom is known from DD Patent Specification No. 61451. In this method, a mixture of fish and water is pumped from a pipe located at the bottom of the container vertically upwards to a conveyor belt above the container, where water is conveyed back to the container, while the fish are transported further on.

Accordingly, it is an object of the invention to provide a method of emptying the initially mentioned large containers, which requires fewer installations, while maintaining a minimal risk of clogging.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The object of the invention is achieved by a method ~~of the type stated in the introductory portion of claim 1, which is characterized in that~~ wherein fish and water are removed via a pipe at the bottom of the container and medium is concurrently supplied to the container, the medium is ~~constituted by being~~ air^[7] which is supplied through holes provided near the bottom of the container.

Hereby, emptying takes place through the pipe as a very homogeneous uniform mass without the pipe becoming clogged.

As mentioned, the invention also relates to use of the method. ~~This use is defined in claim 3.~~

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The invention will now be explained more fully with reference to the ~~drawing~~ drawings, in which;

~~fig~~ Fig. 1 shows the container according to the invention seen from the side in cross-section, while

~~fig~~ Fig. 2 shows the right-hand side of the container bottom seen from below relative to ~~fig~~ Fig. 1.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

In~~fig~~ Fig. 1, a container according to the invention is generally designated 1. As will be seen, the shown container has a vertical side wall 5 and a bottom 4 which are connected with each other by an inclined wall. A pipe 6 is connected at the bottom 4, ~~said the~~ pipe being intended for discharging, e.g., ~~shrimps~~ shrimp admixed with ice/water.

Page 3, lines 9 to 12, replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph.

~~In addition, fig. 1 shows~~ Instead of a pipe or hose 6 which is located at connected to the bottom 4 and is intended to empty the container. Alternatively, the pipe or the hose may be disposed inside the container, as shown by the reference numeral 2.